

### JOHN RILEY VAIL AND ALICE WHITE O'NEIL VAIL



John Riley Vail, son of Isaac Vail and Tryshiam Beeler Vail. Born June 7, 1864, Franklin, Oneida County, Idaho. Married Alice White July 26, 1883, Salt Lake City in the Endowment House. Killed in snow slide in Trinidad, Washington, March 1, 1910.

Alice White Vail O'Neil was born November 3, 1864, in Midway, a daughter of C. B. White and Mary Jane Marsh. Married John Riley Vail 1883, in Endowment House. After the death of Mr. Vail married Samuel O'Neil. Died May 18, 1948, in Midway.

Mr. Vail was a carpenter by trade and moved from place to place. He made a home for his family in Midway, Ashley, in the Big Horn Basin in Wyoming, Victor, Idaho, Chopin, Fremont County, Idaho, at the time of his death he was working in Washington. A snow slide struck the train on which he was a passenger.

Alice lived in Midway through her younger life. Her father, C. B. White died when she was a small child. Her mother, Mary Jane Marsh, later married Samuel Thompson. He proved to be a good father to Alice.

During Alice's teenage years she had to help her mother card and spin wool and to color and weave it so that it could be made up in clothing as times were hard. They also knit stockings for the family as well as for other people, to help make a living.

Alice came with her family to Midway to live with her mother while her husband, John Vail, was working in Washington. While she was with her mother, all the children had diphtheria. The little boy George, age 7, died

with the disease, and her daughter, Mary (Mellie) was left paralyzed for some time.

While working at Trinidad, Washington, Alice's husband was on a train which was struck by a snow slide and was killed.

Alice took care of her mother who had been stricken with a stroke for about three years. After her mother's death Alice moved to Park City and cooked for boarders.

Her daughter, Naomi Vail Burgener, was Post Mistress in Midway for 38 years.

Alice was a faithful worker in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She served as first counselor and also secretary and treasurer in the Relief Society at Victor, Idaho. She continued working and serving in the church after moving back to Midway. She also nursed the sick and those who needed help. Later she married Samuel O'Neil. He had one son Ellis (adopted).

Samuel O'Neil died April 3, 1935.

Alice White Vail O'Neil died at the age of 83.

Children of John and Alice Vail:

John Heber married Bertha Apley;  
Mrs. Charles (Martha Melvina) Bigler.  
Later married Morris Newell;  
Mrs. George (Alice Naomi) Burgener;  
Mrs. Luke A. (Mary Teresha) Provost;  
Howard Lorenzo, married Louise;  
Mrs. Jesse (Cora Loemma) Bigler. Later married Jack McKnight.  
Mrs. Orval (Elsie Elvira) Hennickson;  
George Gamiel, died in youth;  
Myron Houek, married Faye Holdaway.

### SAMUEL AND RUTH ROCKWOOD O'NEIL



Samuel O'Neil, son of John O'Neil and Agnes Cochran Hair O'Neil, was born November 4, 1863, Dalry Ayrshire, Scotland. Married Ruth Rockwood and later Alice Vail. Died April 3, 1935, Midway.

Ruth Rockwood O'Neil, daughter of Albert R. Rockwood and Susianne Cornwall Rockwood, born November 13, 1872, Salt Lake City. Died October 2, 1914, Midway.

Children of Samuel and Ruth Rockwood O'Neil:

Ellis, born May 1, 1912 in Wayne County. Ellis married Mildred Lee.

Samuel and Ruth O'Neil were honest, kindly people. Mr. O'Neil was a farmer. He was devoted to his church. He was baptized by George Wilson December 1, 1876. He was ordained an elder April 2, 1893. He was ordained a High Priest October 26, 1919 by Joseph F. Smith.

Mrs. O'Neil was an outstanding and effective teacher and helped in most of the auxiliary organizations of the church. She was sustained as second counselor in the Midway 2nd Ward Primary in December, 1907. On October 9, 1909 she was made the president of the Primary. Mrs. O'Neil served as President until December 22, 1913. She was gracious and friendly. Sam and Ruth O'Neil loved young people, and were respected by all the townspeople.

### WILLIAM AND SUSAN ROSS O'NEIL



William O'Neil was born June 22, 1855, a son of John and Agnes Cochran Hair O'Neil. He married Susan Matilda Ross December 5, 1877 in Midway.

Susan Matilda Ross, daughter of James Jackson and Susan Luvernia Robey Ross, was born in Provo, March 22, 1860.

William spent his young life in Midway and after his marriage to Susan they moved to Roosevelt and Uintah County where they made their permanent home.

He was a missionary to Scotland and Ireland in 1889-1901, and served as president of the Uintah Stake YMMIA. He was first

counselor to Bishop Joseph A. McKee of the Glines Ward and first counselor to S. A. Russell in the Cedar View Branch Presidency. He was assistant Sunday School superintendent, and a teacher in the Glines Ward, as well as a high councilman, and stake missionary. He was also a member of the Third state legislature from Uintah County, and served as secretary-treasurer of the Cedar View Building Company. Other distinctions included school trustee and treasurer of the Roosevelt School District and delegate to the eleventh National Irrigation Congress in 1902. He was also a veteran of the Black Hawk Indian War.

Children of William and Susan were:

William, married Mary Elizabeth Wardle;  
Mrs. Joseph James (Susan) Hards;  
Mrs. George (Agnes) Fuller;  
George, married Lenora Abplanalp;  
Mrs. Louis (Nancy) Wall;  
Mrs. Samuel Henry (Cora) Summerall;  
Lycurgus;  
Nellie;  
Annie;  
Ross;  
John Walter.

### ERNEST AND EMMA KOHLER PROBST



Ernest Probst was born April 18, 1866 in Bern, Switzerland, the fifth child of Ulrich and Anna Barbara Keiner Probst. He married Emma Marie Kohler on February 13, 1895 in the Salt Lake Temple. He died in Midway July 1, 1936.

Emma Marie Kohler Probst was born November 18, 1871, at Bern, Switzerland. She died in Midway June 18, 1943.

With his parents, Ernest Probst emigrated to America in 1872, settling in Midway. Soon after they arrived they homesteaded

